dine is a toxic drug and is required to be administered under strict medical supervision in medical institutions only.

Efforts are being made by Government of Bihar to import 10,000 vials of injection pentamidine from abroad.

3052. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*]

Perfumed pesticides are torics and poisonous

3054. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any perfumed pesticides, such as Malathion, used for agriculture are being marketed for removal of lice and nits in human hair/body and if so, what are the details thereof indicating the names of the products and manufacture in the country;

(b) whether such use has been permitted by the medical authority;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite malathion and other pesticides being highly toxic and poisonous, no clear warnings have been printed on the cover or the labels or the pamphlets issued;

(d) whether the defaulting firms are likely to be prosecuted; and

(e) whether similar products are sold by same MNCS in the countries of their origin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Malathion lotion 0.5 per cent (perfumed) under the name 'CY-BAN' is manufactured and marked in the country by M/s. Cyanamaid India Limited, ATUL P.O., Valsad for the indication to control pediculosis (Lice). Its use is particularly recommended in public health programmes for control of human head and public lice.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Necessary precautions are given in the package insert circulated on the product by the firm.

(d) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Manpower requirements for health care in rural areas

3055. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to meet manpower requirements of health care in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government had set-up Expert Review Committee on Health Manpower Planning to assess the existing and projected national health manpower requirements for the primary and intermediatory level health care programmes in the context of evolving socio-epidemiological needs and demographic requirements. The Committee has made projections of requirements of para-medical staff at primary and intermediatory level of health care and community health centres upto 2000 A.D. It has recommended health related vocational courses for certain categories of health manpower like Auxiliary Nurse Midwife, Multipurpose Health Worker, Radiographer, Laboratory Technicians, Ophthalmic Assistants etc. The Central Government is at present providing assistance to the State Governments for training male and female health workers, Lady Health Visitors and Laboratory Technicians for service in rural areas.

Losses in Road Transport Corporation Authorities

3056. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Road Transport Corporations/

Authrities of some States are running in losses;

(b) if so, the names of such Corporations/Authorities which are running in losses during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for such losses and the details thereof;

(d) what are the profit and losses of such Corporations/ Authorities in Gujarat;

(e) whether there are any proposals to bear the part of the loss by the Central Government in the name of subsidy assistance or in the name of promotion of Surface Transport;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(g) what steps taken or guidelines issued to States and other such authorities to promote Surface Transport facilities and to reduce losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A Statement for the years 1984-85 to 86-87 is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) Generally STUs suffer losses due to increase in the prices of Petroleum products and other inputs, mounting wage bills and uneconomic fare structure leading to a wide gap between fare earnings and cost of operation etc.

(d) The losses incurred by Gujarat SRTC during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 are Rs. 38.74 crores, Rs. 43.75 crores and Rs. 44.21 crores respectively.

(e) and (f) As Passenger Transport is a State subject, the Central Government has no proposal to meet any part of the loss incurred by any Transport Undertaking run by State Govt.

(g) The State Governments, under whom the SRTCs are functioning, have been advised to take effective steps to improve their physical and financial performance. Guidelines have also been issued with regard to replacement of over-aged buses, proper maintenance and utilisation of fleet, rational inventory management, economy in fuel consumption by ratinalising routes and using fuel efficiency devices, revision of fare structure to accommodate cost escalation etc.

Statement

(*Rs. in crores*)

Sr. No.	Name of SRTCs Authorities	Years		
		1984-85 Actuals	1985-86 Actuals	1986-87 Pre-actuals
1	2	3	4	5
1	Assam	—4.31	—4.83	—5 78
2	Bihar	—11.29	—17.20	—18.65
3	Gujarat	—38.74	—43.75	—44.21
4	Haryana	—1.26	+1.72	+5.81
5	Himachal Pradesh	—5.59	—5.73	—6 75
6	J&K	—7.51	—7.68	—8.33

1	2	3	4	5
7	Karnataka	—20.49	—14.14	—7.97
8	Kerala	—18.29	—19.85	—15.91
9	Madhya Pradesh	—13.22	—13.03	—13.53
10	Maharashtra	—3.64	—16.44	—17.26
11	Manipur	—1.34	—1.24	—1.07
12	Meghalaya	—1.64	—1.55	—1.80
13	Nagaland	—1.27	—1.66	—2.56
14	Orissa	—10 27	—6.81	—3.75
15	Punjab Roadways	—16.68	—19.51	—19.02
16	Papsu RTC,	—13.39	—14.63	—14.72
17	Sikkim	—0.38	—0.14	—0.07
18	Tamil Nadu	—2.73	+1.48	—8.84
19	Tripura	—1.76	—1.28	—1.55
20	Uttar Pradesh	—15.66	—10.60	*2.52
21	Calcutta STC	—27.05	—30.99	—32.26
22	North Bengal STC	—8.36	—8.80	—7.89
23	Durgapur STC	—2.99	—3.23	—3.97
24	D.T.C.	—66.83*	—77.73*	—38.60*

*Net working loss after re-structuring of capital base.

SOURCE: Planning Commission.

Purchase of Jewellery of the Late Nizam of Hyderabad by Government

†3056-A. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated value of the jewellery belonging to the late Nizam of Hyderabad that has been kept in the Bank; and

(b) whether Government propose to purchase that jewellery and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The issue of Nizam's jewels covered by the H.E.H. Nizam's Jewellery Trust is under adjudication in a Court of Law. Further action in the matter will be taken in the light of the Judgement of the Court.

†Previously Unstarred Question 2829 transferred from the 22nd March, 1988.